

be further amended by striking out all of said section, after the period following the word "collected" in line nine, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 9 further amended, as to Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit Fund.

"(a) One-half of such moneys so received shall be set up in a special fund to be known as 'The Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund', which shall be used for and disbursed in the manner hereinafter in this section set out.

"(b) For the purpose of determining the recipient of benefits under this section and the amounts thereof to be disbursed, there is hereby created a board to be known as 'The Board of Commissioners of the Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund', which shall consist of the State Auditor, the State Insurance Commissioner, one Sheriff, one police officer, and one member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the last three named members to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his will.

Board of Commissioners of Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund created.

Members.

"(c) That as soon as is practicable after the ratification of this Act, the organization of said board shall be perfected by the selection from its members of a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, and such other employees as in the opinion of the board, with the approval of the Governor, may be necessary to the proper handling of the business. A majority of the members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business of the board.

Organization of Board.

"(d) The said Board of Commissioners shall have control of all payments to be made from such fund. It shall hear and decide all applications for compensation and for retirement benefits created and allowed under this Act, and shall have power to make all necessary rules and regulations for its administration and government, and for the employees in the proper discharge of their duties; it shall have the power to make decisions on applications for compensation or retirement benefits and its decision thereon shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review or reversal, except by the board itself; it shall cause to be kept a record of all its meetings and proceedings. Any person who shall willfully swear falsely in any oath or affirmation for the purpose of obtaining any benefits under this Act, or the payment thereof, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished therefor as provided by law.

Powers and duties of Board.

"(e) There shall be kept in the office of the said Board of Commissioners by the secretary, records which shall give a complete history and record of all actions of the Board of Commissioners in granting benefits, including retirement benefits, to peace officers as herein defined; such records shall give the name, date of the beginning of his service as a peace officer, and of his incapacity and the reason therefor. All records,

Records required.